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TO PLAY "FAIR ROSAMOND"



Miss Maud Fealy, the American actress, who will play Fair Rosamond in Sir Henry Irving's forthcoming production of "Becket" at Drury Lane Theatre.

JAPAN'S HANDY-MAN IN ACTION



Like the English naval brigade in South Africa, the Japanese handy-men have done splendid work for their country in Manchuria. Here they are seen training their guns on the Russian positions.—(Stereograph copyright, 1905, Underwood and Underwood.)

CHILDREN IN GUY'S HOSPITAL WHO WERE CHEERED BY A TALK WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES.



During a surprise visit to Guy's Hospital the Prince of Wales chatted with several children. One of these was Henry Levett, who is seen in the first photograph. The second picture shows three-year-old Florence King, and the last Baby Charles Jenkins, who played "peep-bo" with the Prince.—(See page 6.)

ROJESTVENSKY STEAMING NORTH.

Apparently He Will Make No
Call at Saigon.

WHERE IS TOGO?

Russian Admiral Supposed To Be
Making for Vladivostok.

The whereabouts and destination of the Russian admiral still remain a mystery. One thing only is certain. There has not yet been any battle. Togo and Rojestvensky have exchanged no shots. The P. and O. liner Nubia reports having sighted the Baltic Fleet, counting forty-two vessels, at a point about 400 miles due north of the Natuna Islands, and therefore about 450 miles north of the Anamba Islands, where a Dutch newspaper correspondent on Wednesday reported a battle to have begun.

Togo is keeping out of sight, alike of his enemy and the observance of neutral ships. He is expected to put in an appearance when Rojestvensky next expects him.

STILL STEERING NORTH.

Russian Fleet Not Supposed To Be Calling
at Saigon.

SINGAPORE, Thursday.—The liner Nubia reports that she passed the Russian fleet at noon on Tuesday in latitude 8deg. north and longitude 9deg. east.

The ships, numbering forty-two, were steaming north-east at a speed of nine knots. The fleet, presumably, is not calling at Saigon. Central News.

The spot where the Nubia sighted the Russian fleet is about 400 miles directly north of the Natuna Islands.—Central News.

The captain of the British cruiser Iphigenia has sent a telegraphic dispatch to the naval authorities at Hong Kong, adds the same agency, stating that when he was 140 miles south of Saigon he passed twenty-two Russian ships. They were then heading north. They showed no lights.

DASH FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

Various Opinions at Lloyd's of the Russian
Movements.

Lloyd's underwriters profess still to be unable to express a definite opinion as to the ultimate destination of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet.

Some declare their belief that the Russian ships are merely making a demonstration, and will make for Saigon at the first sign of danger.

Others are inclined to think that Rojestvensky is making a dash for Vladivostok, so as to be able to meet the Japanese fleet while having a base to which to retire in case of necessity.

Business in war risks has received a wonderful impetus as a result of the appearance of the Russians in the China Seas, and some anxiety is being experienced as to the safety of the steamers conveying horses and provisions from Australia to Japan.—Central News.

RUSSIA'S COURTS DEFEAT.

Far's Subjects More Concerned for Internal
Reforms Than Victory.

A singular version of Russian war feeling is provided by the "Times" correspondent at St. Petersburg.

He describes the people as displaying scant anxiety with regard to the fate of Admiral Rojestvensky.

"I would not welcome the news of Togo's defeat, as that might imply defeat of their own hopes of external reform."

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S VIEWS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.—Admiral Dewey, in an interview yesterday, said that the coming naval battle in the Far East would decide the result of the war.

Should Admiral Togo lose the Russians would be able to cut off Japan's communications with Manchuria, and render her army powerless.

"Think," Admiral Dewey remarked, "what Japan would give for a few more battleships."—Central News.

NATIONALIST PLOT.

Irish Scheme to Secure Balance of
Power in the Commons.

DIARY OF AN M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Thursday Night.

The general impression created by last night's debate is that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman managed to get out of the corner in which he was placed very much better than had been anticipated.

As the matter is now left, it seems probable that the Nationalists will support the Liberals, at any rate, until after the general election, and trust to their own power to induce a Liberal Government to deal with Home Rule as one of the first items of their parliamentary programme.

In order to make that power as great as possible in the next Parliament, the Nationalist leaders have practically decided that, should it appear during the general election that the Liberals are securing too large a majority, the order will go forth for Nationalists in the United Kingdom to give their support to the Conservative Party.

In this way the Irish Party hope to secure the balance of power between the two great political parties.

Mr. Chamberlain's tariff reform meeting this afternoon was well attended, and the result is said to indicate a willingness on the part of tariff reformers to move in the direction of the unity of the Party.

It now rests with Mr. Balfour to show whether he will encourage the advances thus made.

Mr. Balfour is to be invited to attend a conference of Scotch members to consider the Scotch Kirk crisis.

The rumour that Sir Henry Kimber, member for Wandsworth, would be raised to the peerage, to provide Mr. Gerald Loder with a safe seat, is without foundation.

SUNNY APRIL.

Leaf and Blossom Appear a Fortnight Earlier
Than Usual.

No fewer than 94deg. Fahrenheit were registered in the sun on Holborn viaduct at midday yesterday.

The maximum shade temperature in London was 63deg., 4deg. higher than on the same day last year.

Over the north and west of the country some rain fell, but that the general weather is unusually good for early April may be judged by the forwardness of leaf and blossom.

In Evesham Vale, which supplies a great part of England with early stone fruit and cut flowers, the blossom is at least a fortnight in advance of the average date.

People are swarming in from surrounding districts to admire the bloom, and Messrs. Cook are running personally-conducted tours. A photograph is published on page 8.

BONUSES ON TEA.

Customer Succeeds in an Interesting Action
Against a North Country Company.

The question of bonuses to purchasers of tea formed the subject of an interesting action decided yesterday in the Liverpool County Court.

Mrs. Sarah Peters, of Neston, claimed from the Koh-i-Noor Tea Company £1 10s., the first instalment of a bonus of £2 10s., promised to her by a traveller on her undertaking to purchase a packet of this particular tea weekly.

It was contended that a verbal promise of a traveller was not binding on the firm.

It was also stated that the firm could not be expected to pay bonuses all at once.

The Judge held that Mrs. Peters was entitled to immediate payment.

HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS.

SIMLA, Thursday.—Lady Curzon has intimated to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab her desire that all the Europeans and Indians injured in the earthquake who can be moved shall be brought to Simla to be medically treated at the Walker and Ripon Hospitals as her guests.

Messrs. N. M. Rothchild and Sons have forwarded £2,000 to Lord Curzon towards the earthquake relief fund.—Reuter.

PRINCESS MARGARET'S MARRIAGE.

It is authoritatively stated that the marriage of Princess Margaret of Connaught and Prince Adolphus of Sweden will take place in England, and not in Sweden, as has been stated. It is highly probable that the ceremony will be performed at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and will take place at the beginning of July.

VERSATILE

CROWN PRINCE.

Devotion of Germany's Heir to His
Future Wife.

QUAINT ANECDOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, Thursday.—As June 6, the date fixed for the marriage of the Crown Prince with the Duchess Cecile of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, approaches, gossip in Berlin about the forthcoming wedding increases day by day.

The Prince's fiancée, who was recently staying at Cannes, left the Riviera, with her brother and his wife, to go on a short visit to Prince and Princess Max of Baden at Karlsruhe. At Easter she returns to Schwerin, and the Crown Prince will pass the holiday with his destined bride.

Gossip asserts that he has already ordered at a well-known pastrycook's in the Unter den Linden a mammoth Easter egg for his bride-elect.

Last week the Crown Prince sent to his fiancée a rough proof of a private cookery book, which has been compiled by his own cook, and edited by himself.

HIS SWEETHEART'S AUTOGRAPH.

Here are two of many amusing stories now being told about the Prince's adventures on his recent visit to Italy:—

At Florence the Kaiser's heir entered the rooms of a well-known auctioneer who was selling a collection of autographs.

Among the "lots" was a little note written by the Grand Duchess Cecile to a certain tradesman of Schwerin. The signature of the late King Humbert had just been sold for thirty-five lire, but bidding was not brisk for the Grand Duchess's autograph.

"This will never do!" exclaimed the Crown Prince to his friend, Lieutenant von Stulpnagel. "We cannot allow a letter of a future Empress to be sold for the price of a bottle of wine. Surely my fiancée's signature is worth more than that of a dead King." The Crown Prince and his friend then proceeded to bid against each other until the "lot" was run up to forty lire, at which figure the Duchess Cecile's letter was knocked down to her husband—that is to be.

On another occasion his Imperial Highness and Lieutenant von Stulpnagel were sitting together in a beer saloon, chatting, and listening to the music, when the Crown Prince noticed that a young Italian, sitting at a table near by, was sketching him on one of his cuffs.

He called his companion's attention to what was happening, and the latter at once began himself to make a sketch of the young Italian artist.

LUCKY SCULPTOR.

The stranger crimsoned and was about to retreat, when the Crown Prince beckoned him over to his table, and jokingly told him to fill his glass.

Subsequently the Kaiser's heir asked the Italian for his card, which he did with a profound bow, immediately detached from his shirt. The Crown Prince was so pleased that he ordered his new acquaintance (who proved to be a sculptor) to come to Berlin and make a bust of him as a present for his future wife.

The Crown Prince's versatility bids fair to rival that of his father, Kaiser Wilhelm. During the past month he has invented several card games, has exhibited water-colour drawings in Berlin, and now he is about to write several martial songs for German soldiers to sing while on the march.

I hear that the Crown Prince will, shortly before his marriage, be promoted to the rank of major in the 1st Foot Guards, and will soon exchange that regiment for the Garde-du-Corps, the smartest in the German army. After a few months' service he will be made a colonel.

The Duchess is to have a marvellous trousseau. In all, no fewer than forty gowns have been ordered from a certain Anglo-French establishment of world-wide repute. Seventeen dinner and ball dresses have been ordered from a Viennese firm, and 12,000 marks have already been expended in Berlin on lingerie.

HORSE BOLTS ON PRECIPICE.

Young Lady Equestrian's Thrilling Adventure
on Arthur's Seat.

A young lady passed through an extraordinary experience on Arthur's Seat, the famous eminence overlooking Edinburgh.

People in the park were astonished to see a horse and rider on the precipitous slope. When nearing the top the horse wheeled and bolted.

The animal, fortunately, came down St. Margaret's Chapel side, but as it was it rolled over several times in its mad flight.

The rider was a young lady, who was severely bruised. Her escape from death was miraculous.

Eleven men were killed and fifteen wounded in a crane accident at the Putiloff works, St. Petersburg.

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'Daily Mirror,' 'Daily
Chronicle,' 'Daily News,'
'Daily Express.'

WHICH HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION?

The "Daily Chronicle" came out on Wednesday with the definite statement that it has a larger sale than the "Daily News." In other words, it claimed to have the largest sale of any Liberal morning newspaper in the United Kingdom.

Whether that statement be accurate remains for the "Daily News" to prove. Until the "Daily News" reveals its actual sales, the "Daily Chronicle" is entitled to its claim.

But, as a matter of fact, the daily newspaper with the second largest circulation in the United Kingdom is the *Daily Mirror*, a certificate of whose sales since the start is now in course of preparation by a firm of chartered accountants—not an old certificate, dated more than eighteen months back, as in the case of the "Daily Express," but a certificate up to date.

This detailed certificate will be very largely advertised, and it will be imperative on the part of the other newspapers mentioned to disclose detailed facts.

MIDDIES AND THE NUNS.

Kaiser and Admiral Domville Exchange Some
Humorous Signals.

A capital story concerning the Emperor William's visit to Corfu is said by Reuter to be going the round of the fleet.

A party of midshipmen, returning to their ships, found the ferry-boat too small to carry them all, so three or four stripped and swam over, passing as they did so the nunnery on Ulysses Island.

Hearing of the incident, the Emperor signalled to Admiral Sir Compton Domville, "I hear your midshipmen have been shocking the good nuns by their costume," to which the admiral replied, "Your Majesty is misinformed—the young gentlemen hadn't any costumes."

MOTOR-BOAT IN FLAMES.

Last Year's Champion Vessel Sunk in
Monaco Harbour.

The startling spectacle of a motor-launch in flames was witnessed in Monaco Harbour yesterday.

Mr. Thubron's Trefle-a-Quatre was the unfortunate boat, and it was sunk in order to prevent damage being inflicted on the surrounding craft.

Last year the Trefle-a-Quatre was champion vessel, and this season Mr. Thubron, who is an Englishman, had nearly doubled her horse-power, but the engines failed to act properly.

She was entered for the championship at sea contest to-day.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Miss Bennett, who was personal attendant on the late Queen Adelaide, has just died at Barking.

Swallows made their appearance in the Charnwood Forest district of Leicestershire yesterday.

Mr. Daniel Dello, superannuated policeman, of Gordon-road, South Hornsey, has left estate worth £1,076.

The sheriff at Senatobia, Mississippi, has been shot dead by a gang which attempted to rescue a murderer from the gaol.

Mr. Prescott, of Fulham, will be asked to act as town clerk of Glasgow at a salary of £1,500, if the corporation at its meeting to-day approves.

Mrs. Pulitzer, the wife of the wealthy proprietor of the "New York World," has come over from New York to sit to Mr. Sargent for her portrait.

NORTHERN INVASION OF LONDON.

Vast Numbers of Football Enthusiasts Descend on the Metropolis.

GIGANTIC FIGURES.

London can hardly realise the fever of football excitement which prevails in Birmingham and Newcastle over the great "Final" at the Crystal Palace to-morrow.

Correspondents of the *Daily Mirror* in the cities providing the teams for to-morrow's match describe the enthusiasm as unprecedented. It is the Midlands against the North, and each section of the country is backing its representatives to take "that Coop" with all the fervour and money they possess.

Newcastle gave the directors of Newcastle United a royal send-off yesterday when they journeyed to London, with their wives and families, to join the team. The latter arrived at the Crystal Palace Hotel at six o'clock last night very fit and well.

The directors' excursion was the forerunner of the largest football exodus Newcastle has ever known. One saloon and two excursion trains will leave Newcastle at ten this morning, and other trains, carrying 2,000 people, will follow during the day.

For to-night's trains from Newcastle 1,408 persons have booked seats, and 3,000 more are expected by the railway officials. No more saloon trains can be obtained.

Special Savings Clubs.

Despite the fact that trade has been depressed, most of the excursionists will be working men who, ever since their favourite club reached the second round of the competition, have joined special savings clubs, the funds of which will enable them to spend a happy time in town. In many clubs the total subscribed has not sufficed to send all and a "draw" has decided who will come to London.

Newcastle adherents will be distinguished by black and white caps and metal buttons, with the United colours. The Newcastle "United" ties, caps, and toffee are selling freely. Birmingham will send twenty-six special trains, carrying 25,000 people. Dozens of applications for saloons have been refused by the L. and N.W. Railway. One enthusiastic supporter of Aston Villa has engaged four, booking them as far back as October.

Many of the factories will have to close for want of workers.

HANGED BY PLAITED STRING.

Prisoner's Desperate Device in His Cell at Wormwood Scrubs.

A remarkable story of a prisoner's suicide in a cell at Wormwood Scrubs was unfolded yesterday before the deputy coroner.

Assistant-warden Roderick stated that at supper-time he saw William Rowden sitting at the table in his cell, writing on a slate.

Twenty minutes later he went back to take away the bales of wool for mat-making, at which Rowden had been working.

He found the man dead, hanging from the window bar by a strand of the thin strings by which the balls of wool were tied.

Having tied this round his neck whilst standing on a stool, Rowden had kicked the stool away. Several strange letters were found in the cell, and the jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst temporarily insane.

JUDGE'S WIFE IN MOTOR COLLISION.

Lady Walton, wife of Mr. Justice Walton, and her daughter Miss Teresa Walton, were thrown out of their carriage on the Thames Embankment on Wednesday.

A motor-car collided with the horses and the carriage was overturned. Lady Walton and her daughter were severely shaken and bruised.

CHEAP RELICS OF A QUEEN.

There is evidently a slump in historical relics, for at Messrs. Robinson and Fisher's rooms yesterday a part of the silk brocade cap worn by Mary, Queen of Scots, only realised five guineas, and a part of the velvet doublet worn by her lover, David Rizzio, murdered at Holyrood, went for the same figure.

SHIPS THAT ARE LOST.

Shipping casualties during the past quarter have been extremely heavy.

During the first three months of the year no fewer than eighty-four British and foreign vessels of 500 tons gross register and upwards have been totally lost.

160 YEARS' INTEREST.

£100 Treasury Bill of 1745 Said To Be Worth £26,000.

Yesterday a quiet stranger walked into the Bank of England and handed across the counter what proved to be an uncanceled Treasury bill for £100.

When he saw the date and signature, the cashier stared with his mouth open. The date was 1745, and the signature "Walpole."

The bearer was carried off to a higher official, who pointed out that the bond was not in order, the actual date and month of issue not being filled in.

"But," said the presenter, "that is the Treasury's fault, not mine." He was advised to apply to the Treasury.

The possessor of this bond, Mr. J. Louis, stamp-dealer, of Moorgate-street, has since been advised that there is no doubt as to its genuineness, nor as to the Treasury's liability. "More than this," said Mr. Louis yesterday to the *Daily Mirror*, "it is believed to have been issued at 3 per cent. compound interest. If so its value is somewhere about £26,000. If I cannot get it cashed in any other way I shall write direct to the King."

On page 9 we reproduce another interesting curio—a specimen Bank of England note for One Pound prepared by the Clarendon Press.

It is formed of twenty different sets of type, Greek, Hebrew, etc., in broken order. Its possessor is anxious to sell it.

He found it in a secret drawer of an old Sheraton cabinet bought at a sale.

JUDGE AND SOLDIER.

Touching Scenes at the Funerals of Lord St. Helier and Lord Chelmsford.

Amid manifestations of grief, the late Lord St. Helier, better known as Sir Francis Jeune, was buried yesterday beside his only son in Chievely Churchyard, Berks.

The ceremony was a simple and touching one, and whilst it was in progress a memorial service was held in the Temple Church, which was filled with legal celebrities.

By the King's command, Lord Chelmsford's funeral, at Brompton Cemetery, was carried out with full military honours yesterday.

All three branches of the Army were represented, and Lord Roberts was one of the pall-bearers.

Three volleys were fired over the grave, and then the "Last Post" announced that a brave warrior had been laid at rest.

CONSUMPTION RAVAGES.

Important Deputation to Urge the Provision of Special Sanatoria.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 persons, chiefly adults in the prime of life, die every year in London from pulmonary phthisis, or consumption of the lungs, the mortality among males being 40 per cent. greater than that among females.

This is one of the facts upon which an important deputation organised by the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health base a memorial they will present to-morrow to the Metropolitan Asylums Board recommending the provision of public consumption sanatoria. The chief speakers will be Sir William Broadbent, Sir Edmund Currie, Dr. T. Orme Dudfield, and Dr. Joseph Priestley.

It is urged that special hospitals are required, not only for treatment with a view to cure, but for isolation to prevent the spread of the disease. While the deaths last year from diseases admissible to the Board's hospitals were 1,415, those from pulmonary phthisis alone were 7,738.

NO ENGLISHMEN BUT POLICEMEN.

An alien—a Russian Jew—was brought up at Tottenham for drunkenness. Her husband interpreted the evidence to her.

The Clerk: Why does she not attempt to learn the English tongue?

Mr. Avery: It is impossible to learn English in Tottenham, as there are no Englishmen here but policemen.

QUARTERMASTER ACQUITTED.

After a trial by court-martial lasting two days Quartermaster-sergeant H. Allen, 3rd Northamptonshire Regiment, was acquitted yesterday.

The charges against him were for improperly charging recruits for washing and re-marking of kit, and receiving money of which he was not entitled.

Mr. Walter Long's promise to visit the south and south-west coasts of Ireland to satisfy himself as to the condition of the harbours has given great satisfaction to the fishing communities.

MONEY IN PLENTY.

Business Boom Makes City Men Gay and Hopeful.

NEW VENTURES WELCOMED

"It is many a year since anything like the present activity in business was seen," stated a City authority yesterday, commenting on the fact that in the present month the public have been asked for a total of £15,000,000 for about a score of new issues and companies.

But the willingness of the public to invest must be expressed in even higher figures, many of the new issues being enormously over-subscribed.

The £200,000 asked for by the Egyptian Trust and Investment, Ltd., was subscribed more than fifty times over, £10,000,000 being actually offered by a public eager to participate in the Egyptian boom.

There have been two remarkably successful Egyptian issues during the last few days, and more are forthcoming. The Associated Newspapers was another largely over-subscribed issue.

Advertising Barometer.

City men carry themselves with a gaiety that is not altogether due to the spring weather. They point the advertising columns of the financial papers—columns that had been starved, but now was fat with company prospectuses. For several days the great financial papers have had as many as three pages of advertisements apiece.

But the boom is only just beginning. Advertising agents in the City, printers, clerks, and prospectus-writers are all working at high pressure. Behind the scenes fifty new companies await the psychological moment to startle the investing public with the promise of safe, sound, and large profits to come. Several of these are electrical enterprises and motor-car companies.

SCOTTISH THRIFT.

Economical Councillor Protests Against the Extravagance of a Journey to London.

Yesterday the Edinburgh city treasurer, the town clerk, and one of the bailies took their seats in the express for London. They formed part of a deputation from the Edinburgh Town Council to oppose certain clauses in the Education Bill.

Just before the train moved off an excited and economical-minded member of the council rushed into the station, and waved before the eyes of the three travellers a copy of a newspaper.

"The Education Bill is postponed till after Easter," he shouted. The deputation smiled, but sat firm. "There is nothing to do in London," exclaimed the economist, but evidently the others thought otherwise.

All right," was the ejaculation of the irascible councillor, as the train glided away south, "remember you are wasting the ratepayers' money."

PALM FROM PALESTINE.

Tons Imported Direct for Use in England Next Sunday.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, a festival of the Church which apparently is far more observed than it used to be.

Palm for decoration and personal wear is very much in demand, and this year, on account of Easter falling so late, the little silvery, downy-looking buds called "palm" in this country are very scarce.

At Messrs. Martin, Clare, and Co.'s—one of the largest dealers—the *Daily Mirror* was informed that their supply came entirely from the Holy Land. It arrived at the beginning of this week, and they are busy sending parcels all over the country.

Crosses made of a single strip of leaf are very popular, and in some churches one is distributed to every member of the congregation.

Another firm says they imported about two tons from Palestine. But many people greatly preferred English palm, tiny branches of which are fetching from 1s. to 1s. 6d. each.

"BOULEVARD, PLEASE, WAITER."

A town councillor at King's Lynn has been waxing facetious at the expense of a deputation which urged the authorities to turn one of the local streets into a boulevard.

Some people, he said, went to Paris, and directly they returned they said, "Waiter, bring me a boulevard."

The waiter brought the boulevard, but when he presented the bill they replied, "We are not going to pay. The ratepayers will do that."

Earl Cawdor, First Lord of the Admiralty, arrived at Portsmouth yesterday on a tour of inspection of Portland, Dartmouth, and Plymouth.

FETING FRENCH TARS.

Preparations in the City for Entertaining Our Naval Visitors.

In August next, when the French northern naval squadron will visit English waters, a laudable effort will be made to improve the occasion, for deepening the goodwill now existing between France and England by entertaining the officers and men.

At a meeting of the City Corporation yesterday it was resolved to entertain the officers in the Guildhall; and it is further proposed to raise a public subscription for the entertainment of the sailors.

It is hoped that the French Jack Tars may be able to march through London, and meantime the French Admiralty authorities will be consulted on the subject.

The Lord Mayor, addressing the Court of Common Council, said that, so far as London was concerned, he was sure they all desired that the welcome to the French fleet should be of such a character as to prove that the "entente cordiale" was a real thing.

Among the councillors the feeling was unanimous that the opportunity should be worthily taken advantage of for deepening the goodwill now existing between France and England.

UNREHEARSED "TURNS."

Noisy Scenes at a Railway Association Meeting of Music-Hall Celebrities.

Scandalous accusations of "ungentlemanliness and a desire for notoriety" were freely bandied about at an extraordinary meeting of the Music-Hall Artists' Railway Association, at the Trocadero Restaurant yesterday.

The special business was the election of an honorary treasurer, and Mr. Joe O'Gorman was in the chair. A Mr. Mountford declared the meeting illegal; and the trouble began.

During the uproar that ensued Mr. Mountford declared that the association was insolvent. The chairman warmly denied the allegation, and said the trouble all arose because some members of the committee had tried to eliminate the drink question from their meetings.

Where was the association founded? cried a member indignantly.

"In a public-house," retorted Mr. Joe O'Gorman, "but that is no reason why we should continue to hold our meetings in a tap-room with a bucket of beer before us."

On the chairman persisting in refusing to consult the hon. solicitor a large number of people left the room, assailed by shouts of "Cowards," "Stand and vote like men."

But there were enough left to make a tremendous uproar when the chairman declared a Mr. Brown elected treasurer.

ALIEN "CITIZENS."

Small Fraction of Foreigners Become Naturalised Britons.

From a return presented to Parliament yesterday it appears that of the tens of thousands of aliens who arrived in London last year exactly 979 took the trouble to become naturalised citizens.

Among them the readers of free-trade journals will probably be pleased to see the name of that stalwart of their faith, Mr. Leone Georgio Chiozza, "now known," remarks the Government return, "as Chiozza-Money."

Mr. Money became an Englishman in December, 1904. Before that date he was an Italian named Chiozza.

Four hundred and sixty-nine aliens came from Russia and settled in London, Germany provided 209, Norway and Sweden eighty, and other countries great smaller numbers. From the Ottoman Empire Great Britain received eleven new citizens, from Spain two, from Portugal, Chili, and Morocco one each.

England and Wales were saddled with 876, Scotland forty-two, and Ireland fifty-four.

WAR SECRETS MADE PLAIN.

The renewal of naval fighting in the Far East makes the article in the April number of "The London Magazine" by Mr. Fred T. Jane, on "A Year of Naval Warfare," most opportune.

Mr. Jane reviews the whole of the Russo-Japanese operations at sea, and throws fresh light on many incidents of the war hitherto complete mysteries. There are numerous other clever and interesting articles in the number, and some delightful fiction.

OLDEST DRAMATIST DEAD.

Mr. H. T. Craven, the well-known actor-author, who remembered Kean, died at his London residence yesterday.

Undoubtedly Mr. Craven was the oldest of our dramatists. He wrote many plays, and acted in all of them himself until his retirement in 1878.

In 1860 one of his pieces, "Meg's Diversions," ran for 400 nights—a record at that time.

"OLD BOYS" ACTION FOR LIBEL.

Headmaster Sued for Criticism
Pinned on School Wall.

"AWFUL VENGEANCE."

To the many devices which boys possess of making schoolmasters uncomfortable there has been added another, and quite a novel, one.

Yesterday before Mr. Justice Lawrence and a jury Mr. Harold Edward Blind, ex-schoolboy and coming journalist, aged nineteen, brought an action for libel against Dr. H. J. Spenser, headmaster of University College School, Doctor of Laws of Cambridge University, and late scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge.

The hardship of this achievement was mitigated by the fact that young Blind, though it is but a short time since he left University College School, was never actually under Dr. Spenser. He left just before Dr. Spenser assumed the canes of office—if such an expression may be pardoned.

But before Dr. Spenser became headmaster, Blind, while still a pupil, had made his acquaintance. The doctor came to the school one day in search of information about the cadet corps. Blind was called out of class and told to give the information, being in a position to do so, as he was a sergeant in the corps.

Essay in Journalistic Criticism.

In the witness-box yesterday he admitted his obligation to the doctor for having got him off an hour's "school" during the resulting interview.

Boy and schoolmaster had a chat about cadets, and some months afterwards, when the boy had left the school and the master had come there permanently, there was a change in the corps. It was transferred from the London Rifle Brigade to the "Artists."

In spite of the fact that he owed a debt of gratitude to the ruthless innovator for a whole hour's lost lesson he took up his pen and wrote a letter of complaint to the "Morning Post."

Then came a summons by letter to the new headmaster's study, where the canes are kept.

Thanking his luck that he was now an "old boy"—a student of journalism, in fact—young Blind sent an evasive reply. He invited the new headmaster to state the reasons for his summons, and also invited him to send a letter of reply to the "Morning Post."

Writing on the Wall.

This the headmaster declined to do. He did write a letter, but it was a letter which he did not send to the paper. He merely posted it up in the school corridor, after he had sent a copy to young Blind.

This is the letter—it forms the libel complained of:

Dr. Spenser considers Mr. Blind's action and conduct altogether unworthy of anyone professing to be a friend of the school and a gentleman, and for the future forbids Mr. Blind to enter the school premises for any purpose, and to attend any school function or meeting.

Called as a witness, young Blind divined to the Court some of the advantages of being sergeant of one's school cadet corps. Such an office enables one to make a monitor, if he happens also to be a private, sweep out the orderly-room. The witness had actually once gone into the monitor's room, and, although only in the fifth form himself, had sternly ordered, in his capacity of sergeant, a monitor-private to do some sweeping. The monitor had to sweep.

Before the case was adjourned the headmaster explained his view of the matter. Young Blind had professed to like the proposed change—indeed, had suggested it—so that he deserved all that was said of him. Privilege also was pleaded.

PLASTER OF PARIS BED.

Judge Bacon held in the Bloomsbury County Court yesterday that a practical joke on the part of a lad was no justification for instant dismissal. On this ground he allowed a claim for 12s., brought by a boy against a Camden Town publican, who discharged him at a moment's notice.

Judge Bacon: Why? What did he do?
The Publican: He filled the other barmen's beds with plaster of Paris. They took serious objection.
Judge Bacon: Why didn't they punch his head?

PROPERTY WITHOUT AN OWNER.

In the Wallbrook-road, Edmonton, there are several mysterious houses falling into a state of ruin.

The doors have gone. There are no windows, and they have become so dilapidated that the safety of passers-by is seriously jeopardised.

The mysterious part of it is that no one knows who is the owner, and the Tottenham magistrates have made an order for the demolition of the property.

DEATH-BED SCENE.

Dramatic Episode Related in Step-daughters' Action Against K.C.

Further interesting evidence was given yesterday in the Chancery action brought against Mr. Fletcher Moulton, K.C., M.P., by his two step-daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Grahame, wife of the secretary to the Bank of England, and Miss Thompson.

"On my marriage," said Mrs. Grahame, "I hadn't a penny of my own money. Even a bill for £14 for my wedding-dress was sent on to me, which I could not possibly ask my husband to pay, as even among the very poorest the husband is not expected to pay for that."

"You say you were 'destitute.' Was that so?" asked Mr. Neville, K.C.

"Hardly that; but I had no money of my own. I have never had a banking account, and I have never signed a cheque in my life."

Mr. Neville: Did not Mr. Moulton give you a wedding present?
Mrs. Grahame: Yes; he said, "I shall not give you jewellery or furs," but gave me instead a cheque for £250 for furniture.

Mr. Neville: And gave your husband £100 as well?—Yes, that is so.

Mrs. Grahame's brother gave a dramatic description of the scene at his mother's deathbed. "My dearest boy," said Mr. Moulton, "this must only serve to draw us closer together. You will find that I shall be more than a father to you."

The case will probably not be resumed before Wednesday, the Judge significantly remarking that he did not think it at all undesirable that the parties should have the opportunity of thinking it over.

SHAH TO VISIT EUROPE.



It is announced that the Shah of Persia will pay a visit to Europe at the end of the month.

"BARONET" CURATE.

Judge Says He Would Be Doubly Hard on a Debtor Who Was a Clergyman.

The Rev. "Sir" William Earle, curate of St. Clement Danes, Strand, was sued for £26 at the Southwark County Court yesterday.

Judge Addison: Why does he flash himself as "Sir" William Earle? I suppose he is a self-appointed baronet?

Mr. Miller: Yes, he is not to be found in the baronetcy. He is interested in a building speculation in Russell-street on the Bedford estate, and he says that when the scheme is carried through he will have plenty of money to pay off all creditors.

Judge Addison: That is a very familiar tale.
Mr. Miller: Being a clergyman, my clients don't wish to be hard on him.

Judge Addison: Don't want to be hard on him? If I could punish him I would be doubly hard upon a clergyman who goes on in this way.
Order for 5s. a month.

PEER'S BILL FOR HATS.

Lord Stratheden and Campbell had a little difference with his hatter in the Westminster County Court yesterday.

Messrs. Adenay and Co. sued his lordship for £60, the price of three coachmen's hats supplied during the Coronation.

The defence was that the hats had been paid for in the general bill of Coronation purchases, but Messrs. Adenay explained that, though no details were given, the hats were not then charged for.

Lord Stratheden was ordered to pay, though Judge Woodfall made the plaintiffs bear their own costs, as they had omitted to give details in the account.

CHOICE OF A GIRL.

She Refuses To Give Up a Lover for a Row of Houses.

FAMILY DISCORDS.

The story of the Balham young lady who preferred the love of a Balham musician to a whole row of houses offered by her mother will not readily be forgotten by lovers of real romance.

To Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence and a jury the story, arising out of an action for slander, was partly told six weeks ago. After one day's hearing his Lordship felt ill, and on resuming his duties yesterday the story was continued.

Naturally the jury, who had been brooding all these weeks over the romance, were eager for the next instalment.

They remembered how, with many sob, pretty Miss Mabel Leest had told of her love for Mr. Frank Alfred Richards, who keeps a music-shop besides being a musician; how he had won her heart at a dancing-class; and how her mother's conduct finally put an end to the engagement, although she (Mabel) refused to desert Mr. Richards altogether, and continued to help him in his shop.

It was indelible, too, in the minds of the jury how the musician concluded that Mrs. Leest, Mabel's mother, had accused him of being a married man, and how the musician had consequently brought a slander action against Mrs. Leest.

Against Her Mother's Will.

Yesterday, beginning the new instalment, Alice, one of Mabel's sisters, gave evidence in support of Mr. Richards against her mother. She had heard her mother say unkind things about him.

Mr. Kemp, K.C. (Mrs. Leest's counsel): Do you think it right for a woman to defy her mother?

Alice: Yes, if she thinks she is in the right.
Mr. Kemp: Who is to decide?

Alice (very decidedly): She decides herself. (Loud laughter.)

Eva, another sister, who took her mother's side, said that she had seen Mabel open a letter from Mr. Richards to Mrs. Leest by means of the steam from a kettle of boiling water. (Laughter.)
The case was adjourned.

PHILOSOPHY OF TOQUES.

Judge Makes a Brief Incursion Into the Mysteries of Millinery.

A toque, made beautifully with sequins, silk ribbon, and feathers, was the subject of a claim for four and a half guineas brought in the Bloomsbury County Court yesterday against Mrs. Dashwood, of Cavendish-square, by Mlle. Milena, costumière, of Baker-street.

The toque was produced in court, and the Judge gazed at it long and reflectively, murmuring with a sigh, "And this cost four and a half guineas!"
The defence was that the hat was too heavy and not according to order.

"I could not wear such a hat at my age," remarked the stylishly-dressed Mrs. Dashwood.
Judge Bacon: Does age require a flyaway hat and not a heavy one?

Mrs. Dashwood: It requires a light hat, your Honour.
Judgment for the costumière.

"HOW THE POOR LIVE."

Family of Four Adults Exist on Three Shillings a week.

The story of how four people lived on 3s. a week was related to the East London corner at Poplar yesterday, when inquiry was made into the death of Emily Taylor, a widow.

She was dragged into the case and her two brothers had been out of work for four months, and they and their mother survived on the 3s. a week earned by the latter by making underclothing at a mission.

The woman had applied to the Poplar Guardians for outdoor relief, but was told she would have to go into the workhouse. This she refused to do.

The Coroner: I must say there is a great difference between this case and two I heard last week—in one instance a drunken fellow, with a pension of 45 odd a quarter, was allowed by the Poplar Guardians twelve loaves, a joint of meat, and grocery sundries every week. In another case a woman was allowed 4s. a week, and she lent money out at interest. (Cries of "Shame!")

MAGISTRATE'S TART RETORT.

The Kingston magistrates yesterday dismissed a case against William R. King, a Wimbledon foot-maker, who was summoned for riding without a ticket on the South-Western Railway.

Prosecuting Solicitor (in surprise): Surely you cannot dismiss a case without hearing any evidence.

The Chairman: If you don't like the way justice is administered here you can take the case elsewhere.

"GAME OF PROVERBS."

Which Leads to a County Court Action and Judicial Censure.

Another system of extracting money from the gullible public was brought to book yesterday at the Clerkenwell County Court.

Dr. Charles Brown successfully sued Symonds's London Stores, City-road, for £10 10s. for breach of contract.

Dr. Brown said he had received the following circular from Symonds's Stores:—

Esteemed Recipient,—Do you want a bicycle? If so, now is your opportunity. We have set aside 1,000 of the latest model Royal Worcester bicycles, which we are actually giving away as a great advertisement to our business. We can give you an opportunity to gain one by writing the enclosed set of six proverbs correctly.

As any schoolboy might have done, the doctor easily solved the proverbs and forwarded his answers, with a half-crown.

The firm wrote:—

We are glad to inform you that, by your promptness and cleverness, you have become a winner.

When he applied for his bicycle, they offered him a machine worth £12, if he paid down £10. The doctor preferred to ask for £10 10s. in the County Court.

In an "impudent and bouncing" letter, as the Judge styled it, Symonds's Stores pleaded that he had only been literally correct with two out of the six proverbs.

A representative of Symonds's Stores stated that it was all explained on the form that only the proverbs as originally written by their authors would win a bicycle.

But Judge Emden saw deeper into the case than this. He emphatically described it as a great swindle, and said it was a pity people who got these circulars did not recognise the trick.

He gave Symonds's Stores seven days' grace to pay Dr. Brown ten guineas, with costs.

THE CHOLERIC BROTHERS.

Ambulance Duty in War Worse Than Being in the Fighting Line.

Robert Stone, a post office sorter, of Shepherd's Bush, yesterday appeared at the West London Police Court to advance a charge of assault against his brother William.

Mr. Hanson (on behalf of William): Your brother has fought for the King?—Not for the King.

Mr. Hanson: Well, for a place called the British Isles?—He hasn't done any fighting.

Mr. Hanson: What about the medals he is wearing?—Oh, he was in China as an orderly.

Mr. Hanson: And in South Africa?—Yes, as an orderly in the St. John Ambulance Corps.

Mr. Hanson: Why, that is worse than fighting. The magistrate said both brothers were choleric, and there did not seem to be much difference between them. He ordered William to be bound over.

AGAINST LADY ADVOCATES.

Judge Fears from County Court Experiences That They Would Be Too Talkative.

"My experience in this case and others is not in favour of lady advocates. I am afraid they would be too talkative."

This dictum was expressed yesterday in the Lambeth County Court by Judge Emden, who was investigating the claim of Mrs. E. L. Maddy, a widow, who sued Mrs. Alice Carter, of New-street, Kennington, for detaining two letters addressed to her.

Mrs. Maddy stated she had been a friend of Mrs. Carter, and while staying at her house at Christmas mentioned that she was advertising for a situation as housekeeper.

As Mrs. Maddy had lost her husband in her own house in Kennington-road, and had suffered other misfortunes there, she looked upon the place as unlucky, and asked if she might have her letters directed to Mrs. Carter's address.

Permission was granted, but subsequently, in consequence of a quarrel, Mrs. Carter refused to give up two letters which plaintiff claimed had been delivered.

Both parties were very volatile, and, finally, Mrs. Maddy was non-suited.

HIS ONLY ASSET.

An elderly man yesterday asked Mr. Rose, at Tower Bridge Police Court, for his railway fare to Salisbury, in the hope of getting employment at the War Office works on the Plain.

Applicant: I have a good character and an honest face. People tell me so.

Mr. Rose: Sometimes the most honest-looking face conceals the most guile. You will be helped this time, but don't come here again.

"MIRACLE" LIGHTS OF EGRYN.

Welsh Prophetess Has a New Story
of the Uncanny Flashes.

UNEARTHLY MUSIC.

The Barmouth prophetess, Mrs. Mary Jones, is attracting great congregations in Denbighshire to hear the story of the weird things she has seen and heard.

At a revival demonstration in Cefnawr, near Ruabon, she renewed her story of the supernatural lights of Egryn. A lady recently drove in a carriage to Egryn Chapel, and when nearing the chapel her horse suddenly halted and refused to budge.

Simultaneously an unknown voice was heard exclaiming, "Take off thy shoes, as the ground whereon thou standest is sacred." The lady alighted and beheld mysterious lights, which traversed the earth's surface.

Mrs. Jones said her assertions had been mocked, but she strenuously maintained the lights existed, even as God did. She recounted an exploit of a London scientific expert who accompanied her from Bonddu to Barmouth, when half the light fell upon them like lightning in thousands of sparks, and illuminated the countryside for miles around.

Two other men watched the light, which fell upon Egryn Chapel, and scattered into ten distinct lights. Electric wires to tap the lights were fixed, but at the crucial moment the lights would not be drawn. A photographer with a camera saw nothing.

A strange circumstance occurred yesterday morning. Miss Jane Jeffreys, with whom the prophetess is residing, awoke suddenly at five o'clock and distinctly heard wonderful music, like horns from Eiland faintly blowing to the accompaniment of mystic singing, which died away as though cut off by closing doors.

The prophetess told the *Daily Mirror* that this was another form of manifestation.

WHERE ARE THE 12,000 CONVERTS?

Father Adderley, preaching yesterday afternoon at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, said they had been told that 12,000 people had been lately converted in London.

One would have thought that would have made some appreciable difference, even amongst a population of five millions.

They might perhaps have got together to live in some square or locality. All the great revivals in history had resulted in the formation of some community or society.

DECLINE IN DRINKING.

Prolonged Potations at the Bar Counter Have
Passed Out of Fashion.

The most striking statement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech was that relating to the decrease of the national expenditure on alcoholic liquors.

In five years the decrease amounts to nearly £17,000,000.

"In the first place," said one manager to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "the habit of standing at the long counters and drinking for hours on end has to a very great extent gone out of fashion."

"Seven years ago," said the manager of another well-known bar, "men used to come in here at ten o'clock in the morning and stop till seven in the evening, and just have a lunch of biscuits and cheese. But I never see that sort of thing now; it's not the fashion."

"The war and consequent depression in trade hit the upper middle-classes very hard," observed the manager of a popular hotel, "and they form the great bulk of our visitors."

"The result was that whiskies-and-sodas took the place of a bottle of wine at meal-time."

"CLOUD-PIERCER" CLIMBED.

The fourth ascent has just been made of Mount Cook, the highest point of the South Alps of New Zealand. Though the height is only 12,346ft., the ascent is very long and toilsome. The Maoris call the mountain "Cloud-piercer," and it's summit had not been reached for ten years.

* * * The "Over-Seas Mail" contains all the home news of the week, and brings Britons abroad into the closest touch with the Mother Country.

5s. sent to the Chief Clerk, "Daily Mail," Carmelite House, E.C., will ensure a copy being dispatched weekly for one year to any postal address.

Specimen copy forwarded on application.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Princess Louise, it is anticipated, will open the Cottage Homes for Deserving Men of the East Lancashire Regiment at Burnley in June.

One halfpenny per hour advance in wages having been refused them, a thousand Clyde pattern-makers have decided to strike work to-morrow.

In a curly broccoli (cabbage sprout) growing in a garden at Bishopsteignton, Devon, a hedge-sparrow has built a nest and has commenced laying eggs.

St. Helens Water Committee have decided to send a deputation to see the modifications that have been made in the system of water-softening at Southampton.

Provided that no one's life is endangered, simply firing a revolver on the highway does not, in the opinion of East Riding (Hull) Justices, comprise an offence punishable by a fine.

Mr. J. D. Siddeley has accepted M. Paul Meyan's challenge to an automobile reliability test between a French and a British made car for a distance of 5,000 kilometres (about 3,100 miles).

Although blind, Mr. M. Devaney is a keen devotee of football, and follows the fortunes of the Blackburn Rovers with great interest. He is able to converse freely concerning details of the game.

"Next Sunday evening the Rev. — will deliver his farewell sermon, and the choir will sing an 'Anthem of Thanksgiving,' specially composed for the occasion." This notice recently appeared outside a London chapel.

In lieu of payment of a fine, the Crews police accepted a watch from a man, who said he should have sailed to the West Indies that morning, and had left his passage ticket and money at Liverpool. The timepiece was duly pawned.

So well lighted were the streets, said a cyclist summoned at Heywood, that he could not see his lamp had gone out. This ingenious defence induced the Bench to let him off on payment of costs.

Miners at Lord Ellesmere's Bridgewater collieries, Walkden, Manchester, have struck for higher wages for working difficult places.

Telephonic communication between the Isle of Man and England is much desired, and an attempt is to be made to obtain it.

According to Lord Allerton freemasonry lodges were established in West Yorkshire long before the constitution of the Grand Lodge in its present form.

At a salary of £1,000 a year Mr. Frank Summer, borough engineer of Woolwich, was yesterday elected City engineer by the Corporation of London.

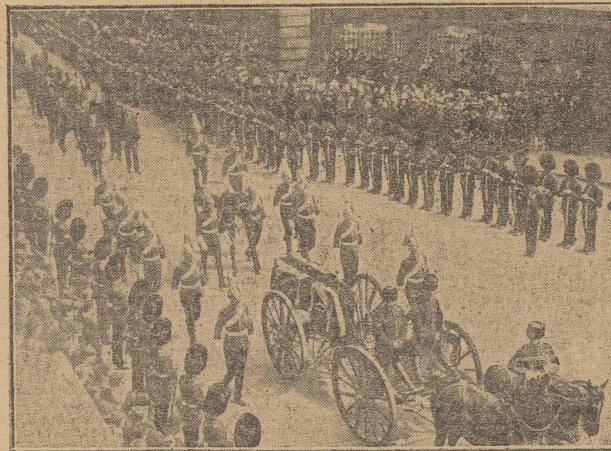
Since the outbreak of typhoid at Lincoln there has been a marked decrease in the number of beggars in the district. The tramps are evidently afraid of the epidemic.

Yarmouth Borough Council yesterday decided to spend £750 this summer in advertising the town as a seaside and health resort. Illustrated booklets and picture-posters are deemed most effective.

When an eight-year-old boy was ordered by the Bolton Bench to be sent to an industrial school the mother became hysterical. She attacked the school attendance officer, tore his coat, and kicked him on the legs.

Her engines and boilers having been removed the steamer *Tancerville* has left Shields Harbour in tow for Borneo. She is to be used as an oil-tank hulk, and, it is expected, will take seventy days to reach her destination.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL LORD CHELMSFORD.



The remains of General Lord Chelmsford being borne into Brompton Cemetery yesterday. Many distinguished soldiers attended the funeral, and the "Last Post" was sounded over the grave by the trumpeters of the 2nd Life Guards.

Members of the Hebrew faith are now able to obtain "kosher" beef extract.

Dr. Waldo, the Southwark coroner, deplored at an inquest yesterday that London was not provided with horse ambulances like those provided at New York, Hamburg, and other large cities.

For seven years a boy named Harrison never missed an attendance at Waverbridge School, near Wigton (Cumberland). In his walk there and back he traversed over 3,000 miles in all sorts of weather.

Miss Luckier, matron of the London Hospital, told a Select Committee of the House of Commons yesterday that she did not think any benefit would accrue to the public from state registration of nurses.

Spalding, the centre of the Fen flower-growing district, is to have a novel display in a local draper's shop. A thousand bunches of daffodils will be shown for two days, and all customers will be presented with some on leaving.

Inordinately long sermons were latterly delivered by John Tessiman, a local preacher, who has just died at Grindleton, near Clitheroe. His weary congregations often had to pull his coat-tails to remind him he had exceeded the time limit.

Contracts for thirty large six-wheeled locomotives for the Indian State Railways and for fifteen large compound freight engines for the Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway have just been secured by a Newton-le-Willows (Lancs.) firm.

Mention was made in yesterday's *Daily Mirror* of a hen at Hawkhurst laying eggs each weighing a dram short of 40zs. A Bournemouth correspondent writes that one of his hens recently laid an egg with a circumference of 8 inches and a girth of six.

Not in the least perturbed by the incessant noise, a robin is sitting on five eggs in an Esher (Surrey) wheelwright's tool-shed.

Dewsbury's smallpox epidemic, which commenced in February of last year, is now at an end. It has probably cost the ratepayers over £12,000.

Embalmers practise nowadays as in the time of the Egyptians. At the dinner of the Yorkshire followers of the calling it was said that there are 120 recognised practitioners in this country.

A Hackney-road labourer who was yesterday found to have committed suicide had been ill for sixteen years. The widow said he had described the pain as "like dogs gnawing him from shoulder to heart."

No dust or draught, it is claimed, can get through a new carriage window just patented by a Bridlington inventor. It opens and shuts more easily than the window now in vogue, and requires no fastening to keep in position.

Professional trappers' methods of obtaining rabbits for market are arousing indignation in North Devon. Thousands of rabbits are caught each night in steel traps, and remain in agony until the men go round and kill them.

Captain Edward Benton, the octogenarian Boston sailor, who has saved forty-nine persons from drowning during his career, has been presented with a piano-organ. He will in future earn his livelihood with the instrument.

In an exhausted condition a collie dog was found at Rainow, a Cheshire village, and returned to its owner at Newstead, Notts. The animal had evidently followed its master's motor-car, and must have covered eighty miles in the day.

PICTURES THAT WIN VOTES.

The Cinematograph at Work in an
Election Fight.

TO-DAY'S ILLUSTRATIONS.

Mr. W. E. Horne, the Unionist candidate for the Barnstaple Division, is fighting for the constituency on most up-to-date lines. He says that seeing is believing, and to convince the Devonshire electors of the effects of the Liberal policy he is showing them a series of cinematograph pictures which depict in the most convincing way the evils of unchecked alien immigration into England.

Our illustrations on page 9 are reproduced from Mr. Horne's cinematograph film, and they show two striking scenes. The first is a snapshot of aliens arriving at the docks in East London, in the second, English workmen crowded out by the aliens are leaving Liverpool to seek work overseas.

These are only two of the effective pictures which are being shown by Mr. Horne's cinematograph. There are scores of others showing the filthy and insanitary habits of the undesirable immigrant, whose objectionableness should by this method be forcibly brought home to the mind of the Englishman. These pictures are thrown on a screen and illustrate the speeches of the candidate, the result being that the Unionist meetings have attracted an extraordinary amount of interest in the constituency. The introduction of this novel method of electioneering is due to Mr. Pyne, Mr. Horne's political agent.

TROUBLES OF CHURCH-CLEANERS.

The minister and congregation of Tolmer's-square Congregational Church in Hampstead-road, being anxious to see their church clean, and not having sufficient funds to employ workmen, set about cleaning it themselves. But their zeal, as our photographs on page 8 show, received a somewhat amusing check. They cleaned the walls up to a certain height, and then, to their dismay, found that no ladders they were able to procure would enable them to reach any higher. For some time the church remained in its half-cleaned state, but the church-folk, not to be beaten, have organised a bazaar, the scenery for which has been made by the minister, the Rev. F. Hastings, and the articles for sale by the ladies of the congregation.

PRESIDENT'S CHIVALROUS SON.

President Roosevelt's son, Theodore, whose photograph is reproduced on page 9, has been the hero of an amusing schoolboy escapade. With two faithful companions, he indulged in a mild flirtation with several of the girl students of the Stonewall Jackson Institute, and, as a punishment, the girls were sentenced to be confined indoors for a week.

At a young people's dance Master Roosevelt and his companions met the headmistress of the institute, assured her that they were entirely to blame, and begged the privilege of standing part of the punishment.

Whereupon the mistress sentenced the boys to stand in a corner facing the wall during the entire dance, and remitted the sentence passed upon the girls.

PRINCE VISITS SICK CHILDREN.

When our photographer visited Guy's Hospital yesterday to secure the portraits which appear on page 1 he found the children still jubilant at having been talked to by the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness' kindness of a more previous day, when he chatted and played with them during his surprise visit to the hospital, had done much to cheer the hearts of the little sufferers. One eighteen-months-old baby crowed with delight when confessing to having played "peep-bo" with the royal visitor, and another cried out, "Please photograph me. I talked to the nice Prince."

COMING MAN No. 1.

Mr. W. T. Stead Assigns Mr. Winston Churchill
a Seat in the Next Cabinet.

In a new journalistic venture, entitled "Coming Men on Coming Questions," edited by W. T. Stead, there is an appreciation of Mr. Winston Churchill by the editor, who describes the political prodigy as "Coming Man No. 1."

If he chooses to take it, the writer asserts, a seat in the next Cabinet is at his disposal. Winston is to Randolph (his father) as Pitt was to Chatham. "His future is more brilliant in its prospect than that of any other man, save his old colleague, Lord Hugh Cecil. If both are alive and hearty in 1910, one will be leading the Liberals, the other the Conservatives."

"The geriatricity is passing. In five years' time we shall probably look in vain for a Cabinet Minister over sixty."

The attitude of the Commons to Winston is thus summarised: "He is so revoltingly young—only thirty-one, a beardless boy, a mere infant." Mr. Winston Churchill is a more serious politician than his father; he is much less random and reckless, and he never uses a bad argument.

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INTERNATIONAL FLIRTATION.

IN the old days, when the King of one country wished to visit another it was the theme of much anxious deliberation among his counsellors, and all the pros and cons were carefully weighed—an operation which, it may be, took months in the performance. Nowadays the wheels of international politics run more smoothly, or at any rate they revolve more quickly, and Kings and Emperors go about at their own sweet will.

So it comes that at the present moment two great monarchs are abroad in Europe paying calls of more or less high political import. The direct and personal element in international flirtation is very much to the fore, and it is well for the world that it should be so.

Curiously enough, while one monarch travels with a message of peace and good will, the other rather relies for his success in world-politics on a skilful playing upon international jealousies and suspicions, and we trust that it is significant of the present state of Europe that while the former is meeting with every success the latter has accomplished, so far as can be seen, exceedingly little.

It is generally so easy to create distrust, so very hard to remove it, especially where there have been quarrels in the past, but John Bull has taken the hand of his beautiful neighbour, and she does not draw it away.

As the clink of a mailed heel passes by she even draws a little closer.

PIGMIES.

A distinguished traveller is about to bring a number of African pigmies into England—a foolish proceeding, for surely we have pigmies enough of our own.

It is not on the score of protection for the home-grown article that objection need be raised, it is only that our pigmies are already too numerous. It would be invidious to specify them individually, but can we not all name a score or so off-hand? There are pigmies of politics—some of these are very young, and may possibly grow—pigmies of literature, of art, of religion, of everything.

Of course, they do not recognise that they are pigmies; if they did one would gladly relegate them to their proper place in the social scale; it is their passion for strutting among the giants that renders them so intolerable.

It may be, however, that the free importation of pigmies will give us the right to retaliate. There is real pleasure in the thought of being able to send some of our own little people to the forests of Central Africa.

It is unfortunate that there is always the Society for the Protection of the Aborigines to be reckoned with.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Whenever you do command, command with decision. Consider well beforehand what you are going to do; weigh all the consequences; and then, if you finally make the law, enforce it uniformly at whatever cost.—*Herbert Spencer.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

NO one could possibly wonder that the Duke of Manchester would have preferred, after all, his "duties in the House of Lords" to the rather more arduous career of a kind of railway porter, which he seems to have thought for a moment of taking up. The Duke has delicately ventured upon several careers before now. He once had an idea of going on the stage; he actually took up journalism, and that in New York; and both of these unpleasant occupations he was able to relinquish when he married Miss Helena Zimmerman, the daughter of a Cincinnati millionaire.

His meeting with Miss Zimmerman came about by chance. She was a charming young lady, but, like many Americans, was a little wilful, and at one time insisted, in spite of her father's entreaties, in "taking up" esoteric Buddhism, which is almost as bad as vegetarianism, only not so expensive. In order to cure her of Buddhism Mr. Eugene Zimmerman sent her for a tour in Europe, and here, at a fancy dress ball, she first met the Duke, who was

the damage wrought to the furniture of the houses he occupies. But he always spends immense sums in our cities, so the balance is well made up.

When he was in Paris the Shah did many amusing things. He rarely brought himself to use a fork at table, preferring his fingers in the eating of meats and vegetables. He purchased inconceivable quantities of French chocolates, and reflectively munching them without ceasing all day long. He also spent hundreds of pounds in elaborate dresses for the ladies of his seraglio, of whom he has, I believe, only about sixty, whereas, when his lamented father died, no fewer than 4,720 were found in the recesses of the palace. Being accustomed to treat women as beings without souls, it is no wonder that the Shah finds it hard to understand why we treat them, even when they are ugly, with respect.

The deadly contest in which Mrs. Lewis Waller has engaged with curtain advertisers is turning out rather disastrously for the audiences who have been endeavouring to admire her acting at the Camden Theatre. But Mrs. Waller was always a

lived in a house very near the cathedral in York. The cathedral caught fire one day, and Dr. Browne remembers being carried out of his room, swathed in blankets, with embers dropping about him.

He is a man who knows well how to deal with an emergency. Perhaps he learnt how to do that when he was a proctor at Cambridge, and had to contend with rampant undergraduates at night. He was much respected and admired at Cambridge. Once some Americans were being shown around the town by a fellow of one of the colleges, and they kept complaining that they had been shown the colleges, but had seen nothing of the University. Failing to convince them that there was no distinction between the two, the don, in despair, pointed to Dr. Browne, who happened to be passing, and said: "There, that is the University!" The Americans were quite satisfied.

The great event for music-lovers this afternoon will be the last of this season's Ballad Concerts, at which both Miss Marie Hall and Miss Clara Butt are to appear. Miss Butt, who in private life is Mrs. Kennerley Rumford, always attracts an enormous crowd. She and her husband both sing as though they enjoyed it immensely, and once, when I heard them in Manchester, they were nearly over- come with laughter in the midst of a duet together. Miss Butt is remarkably stalwart for a woman. It is said that a friend of hers who had been ill, once sang at a concert with her, and was encored several times.

The friend's husband, who was in the audience, not wishing his wife to be tired out, tried to suppress the applause by crying out "Hush!" now and again. After the concert the friend laughingly asked Miss Butt what she would have done if her husband had hissed her in public. "I would have knocked him down," was the reply, and Miss Butt certainly looks as if she could do so. Queen Victoria used to admire her singing very much, by the way, and contributed largely towards her musical education.

It is pleasant to think that Miss Lena Ashwell is to reappear next week in a fine part—in "Leah Kleschna," to wit, a play which has made an immense success in New York. Miss Ashwell has had a strangely varied career. Her father was a naval captain, and she was born on board a training ship. She says now, as she recalls those early days, so different from her present life, that she felt "like a princess" as she used to be rowed about by eight sailors belonging to the boat of which the king was her own father. Later on she lived in a wood hut in Canada, where her father became a clergyman. Something of the unconventionality inspired by this free life of hers one seems to trace in Miss Ashwell's acting.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mr. Fletcher Moulton, K.C., M.P.

THEY say that a doctor when he is ill is the worst possible patient. For the same reason a barrister is probably more unhappy than other people when he appears unprofessionally in a law court. Mr. Fletcher Moulton must have found his appearance in the Chancery Division as defendant against a claim by his stepdaughters very trying.

In his profession he holds a proud distinction as the greatest living expert on patents. His opinion on a patent is practically law, so it is much sought after. All kind of patents come equally well to him.

You will find his chambers in King's Bench-walk crowded with strange-looking packages. Some of them are dainty boxes from drapers who want his opinion on such things as a pair of corsets, others are solid, iron-bound chests which hold anything from a piece of machinery to a model building.

But he does not confine all his energy to patents. He makes experiments on his own account, and he is often in his laboratory than his billiard-room. The discharge of electricity through rarefied gases is his pet hobby.

In appearance he is not much like a lawyer, but then his work is to a great extent of a non-litigious kind. He does not often have to argue before a Judge nowadays. His heavy moustache and old-fashioned imperial are not at all legal. His slightly-bent shoulders, too, are those of a man who spends long hours at his writing-table.

IN MY GARDEN.

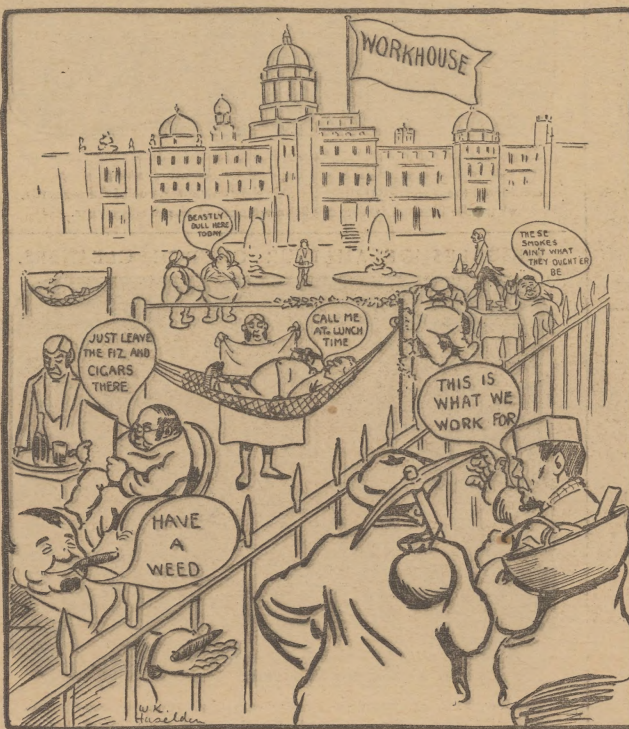
APRIL 13.—From the tender young green of the anemones buds begin to peep. Their gorgeous no other word describes them; flowers are one of the joys of spring. A bed in which various sorts grow in wild profusion is a delightful spectacle. Already a few scarlet anemones are out.

What a pity it is flowers cannot be called by their correct names. For instance, the well-known shrub with fragrant white blossoms called syringa is really philadelphus. Syringa is the proper name of the popular lilac.

Again, many flowers have several English names, when, as a rule, their Latin titles describe them best. This is especially the case with wild flowers.

E. F. T.

GLORIFIED PAUPERISM.



Mr. George R. Sims points out in the "*Daily Mirror*" that taxpayers who object to the enormous expense of maintaining workhouses as paupers' paradises can always turn the tables upon their fellow-men by entering the workhouses themselves and living happily for ever afterwards.

attired in a glorified bathing costume. Shortly afterwards they were very quietly, even mysteriously married at a church in London.

The Duke gets on well, I believe, with his millionaire father-in-law, although Mr. Eugene Zimmerman does not always share his son-in-law's enthusiasms. A year or two ago they had a trifling disagreement about two dogs which the Duke wanted to purchase for £300. The dog dealer arranged that he should be paid before the young man left New York for England, and therefore called at his hotel for the money. The Duke had not the sum at his disposal, however, and begged to be allowed to send a cheque from England. This was not agreed to, and as Mr. Zimmerman refused to invest so large a sum in dogs the Duke had to go away without them.

The announcement that the Shah of Persia is about to set forth upon one of his periodical European tours will be received with feelings of delight by all but those immediately concerned in the reception of him. His Imperial Majesty's visits, indeed, provide a picturesque and sometimes exciting interlude in the general dullness of our Western life. He was at Marlborough House only three years ago, and in Paris two years before that, and on each of these occasions astonished everybody by his uncompromisingly Eastern ways. Much money has always to be spent in repairing

woman of strong convictions, and I am sure that she will not give way. I was surprised to see that she addressed the crowd from her motor-car, for not very long ago one or two nasty accidents made her decide never to motor again. She grew weary of being thrown out, and of having to act at night with her head whirling from the effects of shock.

Mrs. Waller and her husband have been rather unlucky, too, in the matter of accidents on the stage. Not long ago Mr. Lewis Waller, in the ardour of his acting as D'Artagnan, in "The Musketeers," stumbled and fell prostrate amongst the footlights. On another occasion Mrs. Waller had her dress torn right across by D'Artagnan; and, most amusing incident of all, one night, when Mr. Waller's face had been scratched in a stage duel, his wife, so nicely catching sight of the real blood upon it, involuntarily interrupted her impassioned scene to exclaim: "Oh, darling, I am so sorry! What is the matter with your face?"

Bishops, whose duty it is to try to make other people behave, have also, it appears, to keep a strict eye upon the conduct of inanimate objects. Dr. Forrest Browne, Bishop of Bristol, who has just been fined five guineas "for suffering his chimney to be on fire," will certainly have to rebuke that unruly piece of furniture severely. Dr. Browne had a much more serious experience of fire than this when he was a small child. He



MIRROR CAMERAGRAPHS



ORCHID WORTH £400.



The *Odontoglossum Crispo-Harryanum*, var. King Edward, an orchid valued at £400, which was exhibited at the Horticultural Society's Show.

MRS. LEWIS WALLER ON STRIKE.



Mrs. Lewis Waller, who was playing Zaza at the Camden Theatre, refused to act because in the intervals advertisements were thrown on the drop curtain by a magic lantern.

PETITION FOR REPRIEVE.



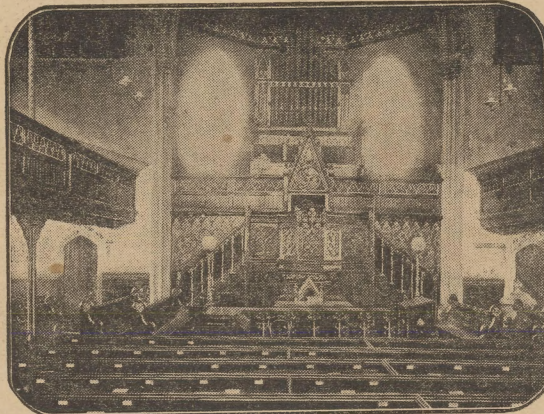
A petition for the reprieve of Frank Percy Kingham, who has been sentenced to death for the murder of his wife in Marylebone, is being extensively signed.

SPRING GLORIES OF FRUIT TREES.



There is a splendid show of blossom in the great fruit-growing district of the vale of Evesham, Worcestershire, and Cook's are running personally-conducted tours to view the trees. This shows a view in one of the orchards, where the blossom is a fortnight in advance of the average year.

TROUBLES OF AMATEUR CHURCH CLEANERS.

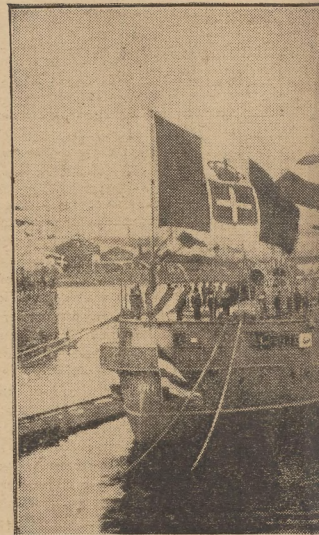


The Rev. F. Hastings and the young men of the Tolmers-square Congregational Church, Hampstead-road, started to clean their church, but no ladders they could get were long enough, and, as this photograph shows, they had to leave it dirty above a certain height.



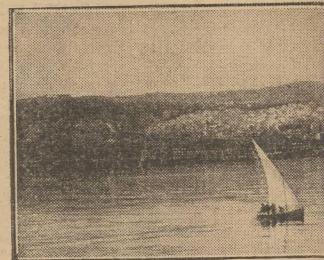
To provide the funds to complete the cleaning a bazaar has been opened in Tolmers-square Institute, the scenery being made by the minister and the articles provided by the congregation.—(See page 6.)

THE GERMAN EMPEROR



After the King of Italy had lunched with the Kaiser in Naples he went on board his battleship, the Kaiser.

THE KING AND



After leaving the Balearic Isles, their Majesty sailed for Algiers, where the Kaiser.

THE FIRST OF LONDON



This is the first of the new motor-cabs which will be running as soon as the men have learnt to drive.

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHS

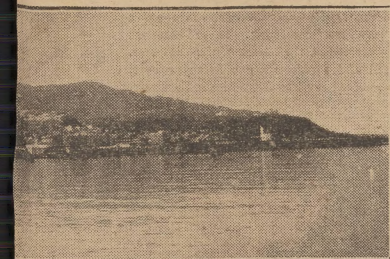


VISITS THE KING OF ITALY.



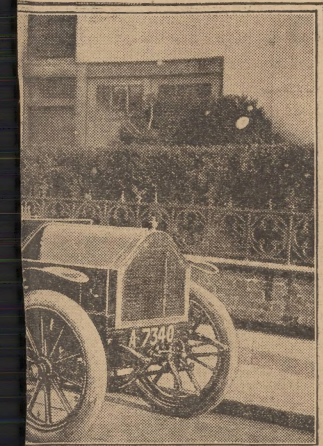
German Emperor on the Hohenzollern in the Bay of Genoa Margherita, where our photograph shows the King's visit.

EN VISITING ALGIERS.



King Edward and Queen Alexandra will pay a visit to Algiers, expected to arrive to-day.

S NEW MOTOR-CABS.



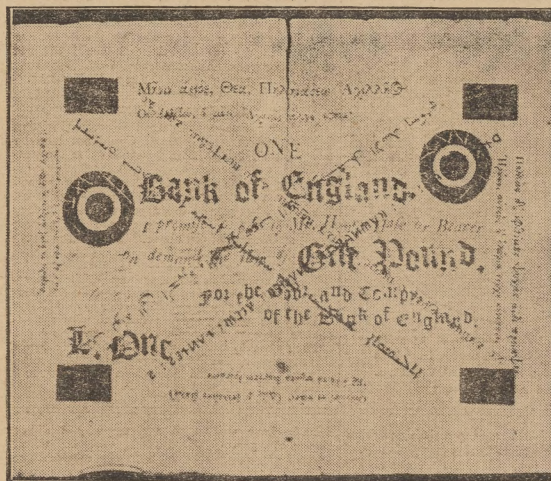
being placed on the London streets. A large number supply them, and 700 cabmen have been trained in the type of vehicle.

LADIES' GOLF AT RANELAGH CLUB.



Miss May Hezlet (Royal Portrush), who won the scratch prize at the Ranelagh Club's ladies' open meeting, watching Mrs. Willock putting.

BANKNOTE IN MANY TYPES AND LANGUAGES.



This unique specimen banknote was made for the Bank of England when it was proposed to issue £1 notes. It was designed by the Clarendon Press, and its many strange languages and types were intended to prevent forgeries.

PUNISHED FOR FLIRTING.



The eldest son of President Roosevelt, who, with his companions, had indulged in mild flirtation with some schoolgirls, and, hearing that the girls were to be punished, said it was their fault and begged to be allowed to take the punishment. The boys' request was granted.—(See page 6.)

VICTIM OF MANCHESTER TRAGEDY.

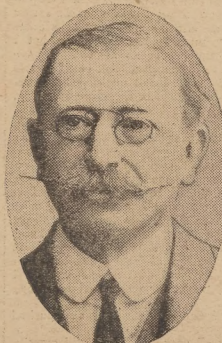


Thomas Smith, the murdered fifteen-year-old boy, whose body was found by a ragpicker in a cellar at Manchester.—(Duval.)

FIGHTING AN ELECTION WITH A CINEMATOGRAPH.



The Unionist candidate for the Barnstaple division is using a cinematograph in his fight for the constituency. This is one of his pictures showing the arrival of undesirable aliens.



Mr. W. E. Horne, the Unionist candidate, who has introduced this novel appeal to the electors of the Barnstaple Division.



English working men, driven out by the aliens, leaving Liverpool for Canada. Another telling cinematograph picture. (See page 6).—(Gaumont and Co.)

Gramophone Records for the British Museum Will Preserve the Language.

It would be hard to overestimate the effect which a national collection of gramophone records will have upon the English language, and it is a matter for the sincerest congratulation that the trustees of the British Museum have recognised the fact, and so readily adopted the undertaking.

In a leading article the *Daily Mirror* pointed out the boon such records would be to future generations by preserving the voices of the great men and women of the present day. But the collection will do more than that. The records, if carefully selected, will preserve our language against the gradual degeneration of age, and be a standard of correct speech, as well as of great historical value.

Only imagine what such a collection of records, extending back to the same times as our literature, would mean to us.

Take the question of pronunciation alone. We have no certain knowledge of how our ancestors of Chaucer's day would have spoken the words he puts into their mouths. Spelling was in its early days, so it was largely phonetic. Chaucer writes:—

Whanne that Apollis with his shouris wrote
The drought of March hath perced to the rote,
Inspired hath in euerie holt and heath
Whanne Zephirus with his swete breath
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne
Hath in ye ram his half-coursed yonge roone,
And made foules and men melode
Yt slepen alle ye night with open eye,
Thanne priketh hem nature in hee corages;
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages;

English of Chaucer's day was clearly very different to the English of our own, but how much so we can now never know.

THE PRONUNCIATION OF SHAKESPEARE.
To come somewhat nearer to modern times, Shakespeare gives us other examples. Spelling was still largely phonetic—at any rate, writers seem to have spelt very much as they liked—yet in "Hamlet," just now in everyone's mind, there is one clear indication of a change in pronunciation. Hamlet's father's ghost is spoken of as a "spirit," and yet we know from the metre that the word was pronounced in one syllable.

Then, too, from a pun which Beatrice makes in "Much Ado About Nothing," we know that an "ache" was then pronounced an "itch." Even with our limited means of discovery we can find many changes in the language.

Still later, the beaus and belles of Stuart times spoke a language which would be hard to understand to-day. The vowel "a" was almost invariably replaced by "v." A favourite oath with the gallants of that day was, "Lard, slap my vitals," for "Lord, stop my vitals." The patched and powdered ladies of George II.'s Court, too, drank "a dish of tays," not a cup of tea.

In the days of Dickens the "v" and "w" were almost interchangeable. Sam Weller's pronunciation of "wittles" and "Veller" are immortal, "Vilkins and his Dinah" is not yet forgotten. But many other peculiarities are almost lost to us, and will be quite so to our grandchildren.

These tricks and habits gradually work their way into the language. By setting up, once and

again, a standard of correct English in a great state of purity as it is now left to us.

But at the same time, by recording "English as she is spoke," as well as English as she should be spoken, we shall preserve for future generations much that bears very directly on the life and habits of our times.

We ourselves hardly notice the peculiarities of speech, for we hear and use them daily. The historian who, in two or three hundred years' time, studies our literature will glean small idea of our real speech from our writings, unless aided by this collection of records.

The dropping of the final "g" is almost unnoticed to-day. We go shootin' and yachtin'; the "h" in "why" and "which" and "what" is seldom sounded, the pronouncing dictionary notwithstanding. These letters are losing their sound as the final "e" of Chaucer's time did.

Individual words which are wrongly pronounced are legion. "Westcoat" has almost replaced waistcoat; a cow is a "caw" as often as not. The pronunciations of "girl" are many—gal, gel, ge-uril, gearl, gurl. There are at least three common pronunciations of vass-e.

MURDERING THE LANGUAGE.

Specimens of the extent to which the distortion of the language has been carried might be preserved as a warning for future generations. Such a phrase as "Ter ar er loll on thoss-airs," which may be heard in the northern counties, and its interpretation—ter ar er loll (to have a loll) on thoss-air (on the horse-hair)—to lie down on the sofa—would show what the English language can become in uneducated mouths.

Having secured examples of the language as it is and as we hold that it should be to-day, the collection would do other things. A record of a modern play by a thoroughly modern playwright would give some idea of our manner of conversation. Men and women of to-day do not make speeches to each other. In conversation both parties frequently speak at once, not waiting for the end of an obvious phrase. The gramophone would record this, it would record, too, that we speak chiefly in short gasps, which we call sentences, and prefer slang to English.

TO PLAY NAPOLEON.



Mr. Cyril Maude, who will shortly play the part of Napoleon in "The Creole" at the Haymarket Theatre.
(Ellis and Watery.)

Paula Chesson raised herself to a sitting position on the sofa, and glanced at Cecilia incredulously.

"Are you out of your mind, child," she asked, "to throw away a brilliant career, a splendid future? What's the matter with a theatrical life? Oh, I suppose you are too great a Puritan," she added, with a touch of acidity, "to put up with your more easy-going associates; you are afraid of soiling your nice clean pinafores, ruffling your doves' plumes—and after all I have done for you, too! Really, Cecilia, you are most ungrateful."

"No, no, I am not ungrateful," returned Cecilia softly. She knelt down by Paula Chesson's side and twined her arms affectionately round the other woman's neck. "But I realise so clearly that I am not suited to the life of an actress. I have been brought up in a different school, and I should only make myself disliked and unpopular if I remained in the profession. For there are so many, many things which strike me as being wrong, and I can't always hide my feelings. Understand me, Paula, I am not throwing stones, for I do realise that people look on things differently, and what might seem grievous sin to the Puritan Girl, is regarded as a sin by somebody else. Oh, Paula, don't think me a horrid little prig, an insufferable Pharisee—tears came into Cecilia's eyes as she spoke—"because I want to leave the stage. I am not really fitted to it, and I know it—I know it; and I don't believe I should ever succeed in any other part except that of the Puritan Girl. For suppose, Cecilia added with a wail, "I have just been myself on the stage, and not acting the part at all."

Paula Chesson frowned impatiently and pushed Cecilia away.

"Fie! That's all very fine," she said crossly, "but the fact of the matter is, you are considering yourself too good to mix with any of us. Well, it won't be difficult to fill your place. There's hardly a clever musical comedy actress who wouldn't jump at the chance of taking it. As it is, heaps of theatrical friends of my own—real

DR. TORREY ON HELL.
If Mr. C. Montgomery will read Luke xvi., 19, to end he will gain more knowledge of hell than anything Dean Farrar can tell him. Also, it may interest him to compare Revelations xiv., 9, 10, 11, with Revelations xxi., 10, 14, 15; Revelations xxi., 8, with Matthew xiii., 41, 42.
Never mind what Dr. Torrey says; let us trust to the Bible.
E. ARTHUR ROSE.
Norfolk.

BOARD SCHOOL IDIOTS.
As an example of the value of Board school training let me instance an experience of mine.
Some years ago my wife and I took away from her home, where she was beaten daily, a girl of sixteen, who had passed the sixth standard and had been in service a year.
She was unable to read, believed that Ireland was in Africa, and that every country had a separate moon.
DISCUSTED.

INCOME-TAX RETURNS.
Do tax-payers know that the clerks employed in the income-tax offices are not established civil servants, but only temporary clerks liable to dismissal at a week's notice? These clerks have the opportunity of turning their information of the tax-payers' incomes to good account if they are so minded.
The tax-payer should be entitled to have his papers examined by established Crown officials only, and thus ensure the privacy with which income-tax matters should be treated.

TAXIDERMIST.
Has it ever struck your readers that legislation is required to prohibit men from being used as things to stick blots on?
I defy any man or woman, as they cast their eyes on poor writers of sandwich-men, to help feeling depressed, as they say to themselves: "And these were perhaps once men with hope and ambition."
Why, breaking stones is a work of dignity in comparison.
It is an offence against the law to degrade a uniform in the cause of advertisement, but not to degrade "the noblest work of God."
FRED. E. THOMAS.

DEGRADING HUMANITY.
Is there no common ground between Christian Science and medical science? Could not both be taken (as all things should be taken) in moderation?
Among Christian Scientists there are many good doctors, and among doctors many men of good lives. Neither parties could go far wrong if they were prepared to take very good and perfect ground coming from above.
WELSHMAN.
Castle-street, Reading.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
We are many of us suffering from Spiritual starvation. The Church and her ministers do not comprehend apparently that their teachings and sleepy dogmas are to the present generation with our advanced thought purposeless and meaningless.
They cling to "the letter which killeth"; hence this reactionary tendency towards any kind of mind science.
A SEARCHER FOR TRUTH.
Newark.

ANGLO-INDIAN LADY.
"The Manager, Army and Navy Stores, Bombay."

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Souls Adrift.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.
CHAPTER XXIV.

Cecilia made no answer; she could hardly trust herself to speak. The mere idea that she might possibly sink down to the same moral level as Paula Chesson filled her with actual horror. She felt convinced, however, that a man on earth could ever induce her for one second to be false to herself; all the instincts of a vestal priestess stirred within her, and her face betrayed her indignation.

"Oh, I should like to see you in love, I really should," Cecilia exclaimed Paula passionately, "and perhaps if there was some bar or impediment to your marriage with the man you loved, you might not be quite the moralist you are now. I started life with the same sort of ideals that you hold, dear, the same strange idea of virtue, but I've grown wiser—I've grown wiser."

Paula flung herself down on the plush sofa and stretched out her body, a smile of dreamy content crossing her lips.

"I shall make Julian take me to the south," she said slowly and languorously, "the warm, delicious south, and the sun shall shine upon us and give us his blessing—the sun that shines alike upon the godly and upon the ungodly."

"Paula," began Cecilia in low tones. She crossed to the sofa and stood up, tall and erect, her eyes fixed on Mrs. Chesson. "I think I ought to tell you something, even at the risk of you thinking me ungrateful. I—I don't want to continue on the stage after the run of 'The Puritan Girl' has come to an end. I have had the chance of another home offered me and a more domestic sort of life. Don't blame me for accepting it."

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RUSSIA'S ONE LEADER

Admiral Wiren, Who Fought Togo Single-Handed, a Prisoner in Japan.

Japan and Russia are just entering upon their second great naval campaign. Rojstevsky is trying to regain the command of the sea lost by the Port Arthur Fleet. The strength of the contending fleets has been compared, but one important factor has been overlooked.

Among the Russian prisoners in Japan is the one man of the Russian navy who has proved himself a great naval leader. In his person Japan has captured Russia's greatest naval asset, a man who, but for the opposition of his own countrymen, might have changed the fortunes of the war.

When the war began this man was Captain Wiren, the youngest captain in the fleet, in command of the cruiser Bayan. Now he is Admiral Wiren, a prisoner in Japan, for his promotion came too late for him to make use of it.

In the April "London" Mr. Fred T. Jane, the naval expert, tells the true history of Wiren's pitiful, unaided attempts to stem the tide of Russian defeat.

On that fateful night of February 8-9, when the Russian fleet lay outside Port Arthur unprepared for war, the little Bayan alone cleared for action. Wiren alone, in the company with his men by maintaining strict discipline.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

The happenings of that night were disastrous to Russia. Next day there was a general engagement, and honours were fairly divided when the Japanese retired with the little Bayan in hot pursuit. But she was called back, and at a moment when Japan might have received a check she learned instead that the Russian fleet had no stomach for a fight.

For the next month the Bayan, sometimes with other cruisers, sometimes with destroyers, but more often alone, made constant raids to seaward.

Once at least the dauntless little vessel engaged the whole Japanese fleet, single-handed, and won her way back to safety. Many times she covered the retreat of the repulsed destroyers.

The Japanese soon learned that the Bayan was most to be feared of all their enemies, and the blow which sank the Petropavlovsk, Admiral Makharoff, and her crew of 700 men was aimed at Captain Wiren's vessel.

There had been fighting during the night of April 13 between destroyers, an action in which the Russian boats, as usual, got the worst of it; and, again, as usual, the Bayan came and saved the remainder by driving off the Japanese. Presently the Japanese "third fleet" came up. The Bayan promptly engaged it and was after a time joined by Makharoff's entire squadron.

During the night the Japanese had laid mines in the Russian channel, intended, so far as can be gathered, to destroy the Bayan. Over these mines Makharoff's fleet passed out safely, but when it retired it met with that terrible disaster.

For a time Captain Wiren, on the Bayan, changed his mind. The Japanese had, as he believed, "bottled up" the Russians, especially so since, to mislead them, the Bayan did not leave the harbour. Captain Wiren was preparing the great stroke which gave Russia her only success.

Togo became more confident. His fleet approached nearer to the harbour each day. Captain

Wiren, who had obtained command of the destroyers, waited for him. One foggy day, Sunday, May 14, Captain Wiren's chance came. The Japanese fleet was completely surprised. The battleship Hatsuse was torpedoed, and sank with 450 men. Another torpedo struck the fast cruiser Yoshino, and as she lay helpless she was rammed and sent to the bottom like a stone by the Kasuga.

Japan's disaster was not the result of derelict floating mines, but the work of Russia's one naval leader.

Then came the last scene. By special mandate from the Tsar Captain Wiren became Admiral of the shattered remnant of the fleet in Port Arthur Harbour, and his last fight was fought more against the bad generalship of Stoesel than against the Japanese.

THE BAYAN'S LAST FIGHT.

Stoesel took every man possible from the warships. He refused to see that the fleet was the real reason for the existence of Port Arthur. With his few remaining men Admiral Wiren strove to save his ships from the Japanese-fire. Decks were piled with sandbags. The vessels were moved from place to place with infinite labour. At last he was compelled to open the sea-cocks and sink all but the Sevastopol, to save them from the dropping shells.

But he had previously tried a desperate expedient in keeping with his character. He had collected his few remaining men, and embarked them on the gallant little Bayan, now repaired again. His object was to make yet one more attack on the whole Japanese fleet single-handed, but his vessel was a floating wreck before she could clear the harbour, and drifted ashore to be battered to pieces by the Japanese guns.

Next came Stoesel's offer of surrender. Admiral Wiren at once collected every remaining torpedo and fired them into his own vessels as they lay sunk. "They may hang me for it if they will," he said, "but the Japanese shall never use my ships."

Now he is a prisoner. If he were free Togo's task would be a very different one to what it is.

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BEAUTY IN WOMEN.

But the hard speaking is the thing. This is "Rita's" sweeping verdict on beauty in woman:—

The history of all noted beauties is merely a history of sins and shames; of ignoble passions, insatiable jealousy, and the hate and malice of rivals. Here is another fragment of vituperation:—

And foremost in the ranks of ignominious stood woman. Woman, emancipated—triumphant—blatant. Woman parading herself, and her wants and her ever-increasing vices, and her ruinous content with what she had achieved than desirous of increasing her achievements. Woman restless, pleasure-loving, a sisterhood of leisure, sacrificing on their own selfish altars a sisterhood of pain.

Another fragment:—

It was only the sober-minded middle-class woman who was good—who was domestic, and who reckoned the natural duties of wife and mother as the highest prerogatives of sex. Her high-born social sisterhood laughed her to scorn. For their life meant an eternal round of excitement and of pleasure. Lavish expenditure; being in the swim of all that was fast and reckless and reprehensible. To enslave man and rival woman—and still just as the wind of external decency as the Divorce Court permitted, to insinuate themselves into every social function that meant "notoriety," to be seen, to be remarked, flattered, criticised—that was their life.

THE IDEAL MAN.

One of these social functions into which women insist on inserting themselves is described later. It is a wonderful performance of tabloids. The last picture is called "Venus and Adonis." On a pedestal stands a man representative of Sandow's scheme of physical culture—a handsome mass of muscle. At his feet kneels the beautiful, but not too modest, Countess of Ripley, one of the characters in the book, as Venus.

"As Venus—naked and without disguise," to quote again. "Venus, naked and unashamed, as the feet of society's newly-elected god of strength! Venus adorning—or supplicating? The audience were left to draw their own conclusions."

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have the right to blame him for his negligence. Certainly he was not a devoted lover, and yet he had never swerved from his decision that Kitty was to be his wife, and that it was to her that he owed his whole-soul devotion. He had not yet realised—he would not allow himself to realise—the new influence which had come into his life. Cecilia had made a deep impression upon his mind, but with her departure everything would be restored to the normal condition. The impression had been deep, but it would be evanescent.

Admiral John had not yet returned when Jack reached the house. Jack, indeed, had not expected to see his father so thoroughly accustomed to the afternoon chess-playing at "Valetta." Admiral John would certainly return in due course.

It was, however, long after his usual hour that Jack's father came home that afternoon, and the young man saw at once that something had happened to disturb the old sailor's equanimity. Even the serious matter of a delayed dinner had little weight with Admiral John at that moment. This was a portent of evil, for as a general rule Admiral John was most punctilious in the matter of his meals.

"You're awfully late, dad," hazarded Jack, conscious of storm-signals and anxious to do what he could to conciliate his father. "I'll play it over with you again if you like."

"The game wasn't in the least interesting," said Admiral John bluntly. "Your uncle beat me with greater ease than usual. I am sick of chess. Look here"—he turned sharply upon his com-

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UTTER WEARINESS

There is nothing more worrying, or that makes life so burdensome, and is so daily duty to rid one as that terrible feeling of utter weariness. You feel worn out, incapable of exertion, depressed, and probably find it difficult to obtain refreshing sleep at night. Your friends suggest that you should feed yourself up, but you have little appetite, and even if you manage to swallow food you cannot manage to digest it, and your condition does not improve, but, on the contrary, each day you feel worse than you did the day before. This acts and reacts on your business or professional work. You find yourself unable to concentrate your mind or to come to a wise decision on points of business or professional policy, and you feel generally unequal to your daily work or your responsibilities. Have we in these words described how you feel?

WHAT IS REALLY THE MATTER?

It is easy to say what is wrong. Your nervous system has been overtaxed, and your brain has had an excessive strain put upon it. Consequently your nerve and brain tissue has been worn away faster than it has been replaced, and complete nervous breakdown is simply a matter of time. When that arrives you will be entirely unable to continue your work, but will be compelled to take a prolonged rest until Nature restores the balance.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

We have in the previous paragraph explained the nature of the trouble, but that, you say, does not help you very much. It does, however, help you this far. Knowing what is really the matter, you can see what is necessary to put you right. If your nerve and brain tissue is being worn away in the manner indicated, it is clear that two things are necessary. First, the wearing-away process must be stopped, and, second, the lost nerve and brain tissue must be restored, so as to enable their functions to be properly performed.

A WARNING.

Whatever else you do, do not make the mistake of fancying that stimulants will help you. Stimulants are not only useless in nervous exhaustion, but positively injurious. Their only effect is to spur on a weakened nervous system to further exertions for a little longer, but eventual nervous collapse will be thus rendered even more certain.

A REMEDY THAT GOES TO THE ROOT OF THE MATTER.

We have already said that two things are necessary in nervous exhaustion, arrest of the wearing away of the nerves and the restoration to them of what has already been lost. Any remedy to be really effective must do these two things. Stimulants, and it is because they fail to effect these two things that so many vaunted remedies are a complete failure in conditions due to brain or nervous exhaustion.

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SOULS ADRIFT.

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"You are very kind, Paula," murmured the girl in low tones. "But what about my contract?" She realised with a rush of pleasurable emotion how delightful it would be to feel that she was free of the stage for ever, for the mere idea of having to act again that night was making her strangely nervous and agitated; but she disliked to feel that she had disappointed Paula.

"Your contract," remarked Paula carelessly; "give it me and I will tear it up. There—that'll put an end to the whole matter, won't it? My experiment was an unfortunate one, but I don't suppose it has harmed you so much, after all."

"No, it hasn't harmed me," returned Cecilia slowly, "and I shall be grateful—grateful." She could hardly speak for emotion.

"Grateful," returned Paula with a short laugh, rising from the sofa, and standing up tall and commanding; "you can spare your gratitude, for I really don't want it. Besides, I shall soon have passed out of your life for ever, and if we happen to meet beyond the stars I will tell you good-bye to turn my face as you pass by, Cecilia, to show that I know what's due to a saint. But you might remember one thing, just one thing"—Paula's voice grew very bitter—"that a really good woman mightn't have helped you as I did. She would have asked more questions of the girl she was befriending, been more particular about her passport of respectability. Good gracious, me, Cecilia, what's the matter—what's the matter now?"

Paula said the last words with some amazement, for Cecilia had suddenly caught her in her arms and was straining her to her young breast, straining her with vigour and passion of which the other had not thought capable.

"Don't speak to me like that, Paula, don't speak to me like that," protested Cecilia, "for I

tell you I can't bear it. Do you think I am going to let you pass out of my life? For if so, you are mistaken. Giving up the stage is one thing—giving up your friendship is another."

"What an incomprehensible child you are," exclaimed Paula. "You won't want to know me after I have left my husband, will you—when I am living an evil life or a good life, you have your rules of conduct as I have mine, but remember one thing, we are always to be friends—always friends."

"Ah, dear, do you really mean that?" murmured Paula; tears came into her eyes as she spoke. "Are you going to stick to me, Cecilia, through good report and evil report, and stand by my side if the world passes by?"

"I am," returned Cecilia. It was impossible to doubt the truth of her words, the sincerity of her heart—then she bent forward and kissed Paula's lips.

"Don't—don't," cried the other, shrinking back. "Julian! it does! The matter whether I think you are living an evil life or a good life, you have your rules of conduct as I have mine, but remember one thing, we are always to be friends—always friends."

"What if he did?" answered Cecilia softly. "I am kissing you now, brushing his kisses away."

CHAPTER XXV.

In the meanwhile matters had not gone over comfortably with Jack Hallows. He had made his way home after the idyllic hour spent with Cecilia on the shore close to his uncle's house. His conscience smote him that he had found himself quite unable to see Kitty that day. He felt that he had failed in his duty towards her, and that she would

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In the thrifty days of our grandmothers every well-conducted housewife had her piece-bag, which, being interpreted, was the receptacle for odds and ends of cloth, buttons, lace, feathers, and whatnot. Of course, the four treasures were not kept with the patching bits; a separate box was devoted to plumage, another to lace and embroidered cambric, and a third to buttons and buckles.

The girls of to-day are copying the ways and fashions of the dames of old times in many particulars now, and among the ways and fashions that they are re-establishing arrive the old-world piece-bags and treasure-boxes. In them are placed little bits of lace and precious ornaments, squares and odd lengths of chiffon and silk, beads and bugles, passementerie and other trifles that are sure to come in useful one of these days, especially while the campaign of spring dressmaking is being held. Many of them have done duty before, and

have been laid aside to be kept for future occasions after they have served their first utility.

Perhaps last summer a girl had an embroidered muslin gown, the blouse of which she wore out beyond repair, but the skirt of which is comparatively good. If she has decided that she does not want to wear the skirt again with a blouse to harmonise, she has doubtless put it away in her piece-bag, and now that embroidered muslin hats are to be so fashionable for the summer, she may utilise this skirt for making one. The material must be washed in warm water and white soap, with a touch of blue in the rinsing water to take out the yellowness, and then be carefully pressed. It can next be arranged over a hat frame and trimmed with cream or pink roses and perhaps a black velvet bow to finish it.

Velvet is sure to be among the contents of the piece-bag, and most probably will require to be freshened up before it is used again. To do this lay it down flat with a damp cloth on the back of it, and apply a hot iron to the cloth. If it is a large piece of velvet it is as well to fill a basin with boiling water and stretch the velvet over it, so that the steam may push through it and raise and brighten the nap. Velvet ribbon may be treated in the same way. At times the tidy

girl has wondered whether it is really worth while to keep a piece-bag, but now when she looks round and sees the numberless little chemisettes, jabots, chiffon choux and flowers made out of small left over pieces, she feels glad that she has done so. She can add all sorts of fashionable touches to her wardrobe from the contents of her piece-bag, which contents she will have wrapped up neatly in individual bundles or pinned together carefully.

Specially useful are such possessions to the girl who has her frocks and blouses made at home. Consider the little lace motifs alone that are used to trim blouses, and the chiffon and lace flowers that are wanted for the adornment of the evening robe. All these treasure-boxes will provide.

Many of the contents of the piece-bag will not be quite fresh looking as they will have been put away after having been ripped off a gown, blouse, or hat. No tidy girl ever uses a piece of material or trimming without first freshening it up and pressing it to make it look as nearly like new as possible. And the metal buckles or buttons must be polished and brightened before they are available. Steel buttons or buckles, and silver and gilt ones, too, may be brightened with silver polish and a brush.



The three blouses illustrated above have been specially designed to meet the requirements of the Easter holidays. On the extreme left is one made of cream nun's veiling, with scallops of turquoise blue sarak on the cuffs and corsage; in the centre there is a biscuit-coloured cloth model to match the gown, trimmed with darker fawn pleated ribbon; and on the right a soft silk shirt with a waved adornment made of eyelot-hole embroidered linen upon it.

SOULS ADRIFT.

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"What do you mean by your behaviour? You young dog, what do you mean by it?"

Jack evinced no particular surprise, being quite accustomed to this mode of address.

"What's the matter now, dad?" he asked composedly. "What have I been doing?"

"What have you been doing? Why, damme, sir, what haven't you been doing?" cried the old man. The scar upon his cheek stood out red and inflamed. It was a token that Admiral John's feelings had been deeply stirred. "You are making the sweetest girl on God's earth miserable. That's what you're doing, and I want to know what the devil you mean by it?"

Jack smiled to himself. It was just like his father to make all this fuss on account of a broken dinner appointment. Probably Kitty had appeared dejected that afternoon, very possibly Miss Maria had had something to say on the subject of Jack's dissatisfactions. She knew that he had gone to the theatre with Grant Malcolm, and among her many prejudices a dislike for theatrical performances ranked very high. Jack felt a little sorry for Admiral John, for it was more than probable that in this case the sins of the son had been visited upon the father.

"I am awfully sorry, dad," he said with semi-humorous penitence. "I ought not to have gone to the theatre last night, I know, but I was over-persuaded by Grant, who wanted my serious opinion on a rather delicate question in connection with a project for his opera. I thought Kitty would forgive me and understand." He looked up into his father's angry face with a half-smile. "Did Aunt Maria have very much to say on the subject, dad?" he asked.

"What Aunt Maria had to say has nothing to do with it," returned Admiral John with an indignant snort; "and it is not because you failed to keep

your appointment last night that everyone at 'Valetta' is upset and worried at the present moment. It isn't that—no, sir, it is your general behaviour to the girl you profess to love, and whom you have promised to make your wife. That's the trouble, and now what have you got to say for yourself?" Admiral John glared fiercely at his son. "What I want to know is this," he added, "are you in love with Kitty or are you not?"

For a moment Jack fenced with the question. "What has put this idea into your heads?" he asked.

"Isn't it an understood thing that Kitty and I are to be married? I don't think she has any doubt on the subject. Why, we were discussing it between ourselves not later than yesterday. Has anything happened in the meanwhile? Is it because I have not been to 'Valetta' this afternoon? Let's have it out, dad. I'm like you in some things. I hate beating about the bush. I like to go straight to the point." There was some suspicion in the speech for Admiral John made a point of being outspoken.

"I don't know what's come over the girl," grumbled the old sailor in a lower key. "I can't make out what you've done to upset her, Jack, but there's something wrong, you can take my word for that." He laid his hand affectionately upon his son's shoulder. "What have you been up to, you young dog?" he said again, and the rough words accompanied by the kindly action were almost grotesque—but they were typical of Admiral John.

"Was Kitty worried this afternoon, then?" asked Jack Hallows. He was feeling a little repentant, sorry for the impulse which had directed his steps away from the girl to whom his life was bound.

"We were discussing your futures—yours and Kitty's," said Admiral John. "Your uncle, Aunt Maria, and I. We had fixed up everything nicely—why, damme," he raised his voice slightly at the recollection of the sudden disappointment which had befallen the carefully-laid schemes of that after-

noon. "We had fixed on the very day of the wedding. We had decided on the bridesmaids, yes, even what they were going to wear. And then Kitty appears and throws cold water over the whole project. I don't think you consulted me on the subject," she said. "Or the day. You'd better speak to Jack before you fix on a day for the wedding." That's what she said, Jack, and then she ran away. Not even your Aunt Maria could get any more out of her. But she's been crying, my boy, I can tell you that. Kitty crying! Why, it's a sin, and you ought to be ashamed of yourself for making her cry." The old man spoke in lower tones, his temper suppressed, but there was real feeling in his words.

For a few moments Jack did not speak. The matter was more serious than he had anticipated. He was deeply sorry, too, that he should have brought tears to Kitty's eyes, those bright brown eyes that sparkled with the joy of life. He had no suspicion of the truth, that Kitty had seen him on the shore with Cecilia. He thought her grief must be wholly due to his neglect of the past few days, perhaps, too, to his lack of warmth towards her.

"Poor little Kitty," he murmured. "I am sorry. She is so warm-hearted and demonstrative. She would like me to be demonstrative too. Well, I must try." He turned sharply to his father. "Look here, dad," he said. "I'll walk up to 'Valetta' to-night, and put matters straight. Don't you worry; it will be all right. Kitty shan't cry any more, I'll see to that."

"Very well, Jack," said Admiral John, somewhat mollified. "Go round, like a good boy, and do what you can." He paused, then added: "Only tell me first—for I want to be quite certain—do you really love Kitty? Do you seriously wish to make her your wife?" There was a touch of anxiety in the old sailor's voice as he spoke.

"I do, father," replied Jack.

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